

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims of the application, as amended, are:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A cable management system which includes:
a desk;

a user module mounted on the desk and including a plurality of peripheral port connectors for connection to respective desktop user interface devices;

a workstation computer;

a single an umbilical cable linking the workstation computer to the user module to provide all connections between the peripheral port connectors and the workstation computer; and

a releasable mass connector coupled to said single cable and arranged to effect said connections between the peripheral port connectors and the workstation computer, such that the workstation computer can be disconnected from all of the peripheral port connectors simultaneously by releasing the mass connector.

12. (Currently Amended) A cable management system according to Claim 11 in which the workstation computer is mounted beneath the desk on a trolley.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A cable management system according to Claim 11 in which the user module is releasably engaged with a base unit which is attached to the desk.

15. (Previously Presented) A cable management system according to Claim 14 in which the base unit includes a communication bus having a communication port for connection of the bus to at least one remote signal source.

16. (Previously Presented) A cable management system according to Claim 15 in which the base unit includes a bus connector for connection with said user module such that the workstation computer which is coupled to said user module is operably connected to the bus via the respective bus connector.

17. (Previously Presented) A cable management system according to Claim 16 in which the base unit includes a plurality of bus connectors for connection with a plurality of such user modules.

18. (Currently Amended) A cable management unit for use with a desk and a workstation computer, which includes:

a user module adapted to be mounted on the desk and including a plurality of peripheral port connectors for connection to respective desktop user interface devices;

a single an-umbilical cable for connection to the workstation computer and the user module to provide all connections between the peripheral port connectors and the workstation computer; and

a releasable mass connector coupled to said single cable and arranged to effect said connections between the peripheral port connectors and the workstation computer, such that the workstation computer can be disconnected from all of the peripheral port connectors simultaneously by releasing the mass connector.